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1. Transmittal of Appeal Brief with request for 4-Month Extension of Time (2 pages);
2. Appeal Brief (6 pages); and
3. Amendment after Final Rejection (7 pages).

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